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Re: Requests for Interested Party Status  
Baltimore City Hospice Review  
Docket Nos.: 16-24-2388; 16-24-2389; 16-24-2387

Dear Counsel:

I have been appointed, pursuant to COMAR 10.24.01.09A(1)(b), to serve as Reviewer of the above-referenced applications for Certificates of Need (“CON”) to establish general hospice services in Baltimore City. The three applicants are: Carroll Hospice Center, Inc. (“Carroll Hospice”); BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. d/b/a BAYADA hospice (“Bayada”); and P-B Health Home Care Agency (“P-B Health”).

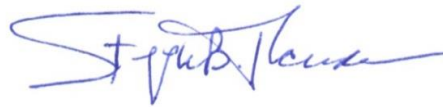
Carroll and Bayada each sought interested party status and filed comments in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.03F on the other two applications docketed in the Baltimore City Hospice Review. I recognize Carroll and Bayada as interested parties in the applications in this review. I note that P-B Health did not seek or qualify as an interested party in either of the applications.

Going forward, I request that all filings in this review be submitted in pdf format via email to the parties in this review and to Ms. Ruby Potter, and others copied on this letter ruling. In addition, please send a copy of all filings to Ms. Potter in Word format, since having the filing in that format will assist me in these reviews.

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I want to advise all parties that this is a contested case and that the *ex parte* prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Thomas".

Stephen B. Thomas, Ph.D.  
Commissioner/Reviewer

cc: Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need  
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